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BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/651,915

Filing Date: August 31, 2000

Entitled: NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INCLUDING CUSTOM SCREEN MA

Attorney Docket No: 102689-51/00-U0075

Dear Sir:

On December 18, 2000, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment intended to be filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/653,700 (as indicated on the first page of the amendment), a copy of which is enclosed herewith. However, the transmittal letter submitted with the amendment incorrectly cites the above-referenced patent application. Accordingly, please disregard the amendment in this application, and forward the enclosed corrected transmittal letter, along with the Preliminary Amendment, to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/653,700.

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Applicant(s):

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Application No:

09/653,700

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Entitled:

NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

INCLUDING SONET PATH CONFIGURATION WIZARD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 68, lines 29-30, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor - - 41 - -.

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